GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department - Scheme for Christian pilgrims to visit the Holy Land of Jerusalem and other Biblical Places – Enhancement of Financial Assistance to Christian Pilgrimage to Holy Land of Jerusalem and other Biblical places from an amount of Rs.40,000/- to Rs.60,000/- for the pilgrims whose annual income is upto Rs.3.00 Lakhs and the pilgrims whose annual income is above Rs.3.00 Lakhs, the permissible Financial Assistance is to be enhanced from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.30,000/- - Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (SDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.74 **Dated:19.11.2019**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.99, Minorities Welfare (SDM) Department, dt.19.10.2013.
2. G.O.Ms. No.78, Minorities Welfare (SDM) Department, Dt.02.06.2015.
3. G.O.Ms.No.40, Minorities Welfare (SDM) Department, dt.23.12.2016.
4. CMP.No.60/Secy-CM(Peshi)/2019, dt.10.07.2019 received from the Secretary to Chief Minister, CM's Office.
5. From the Managing Director, A.P. State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation, Tadepalli, Guntur District, Lr.No.123/D/APSCMFC/Holyland of Jerusalem/2019, dt.23.10.2019.

ORDER

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have issued guidelines for providing financial assistance for Christian Pilgrims to visit the Holy Land of Jerusalem and other Biblical places and an amount of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) is granted to each pilgrim by the Government. Any expenditure over the above shall be borne by the pilgrims themselves.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have revived the scheme of "Financial Assistance to Christian Pilgrimage to Holy Land of Jerusalem and other Biblical places" and instructed the Managing Director, AP State Christian Minorities Finance Corporation to conduct the tour programme as per the guidelines issued vide G.O.Ms.No.99, Minorities Welfare (SDM) Dept., dt.19.10.2013.

3. In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government have enhanced Financial Assistance to Christian Pilgrimage to visit the Holy Land of Jerusalem and other Biblical places from the present permissible amount of Rs.20,000 to Rs.40,000/- for each pilgrim whose annual income is less than Rs.3.00 lakhs. For the Christian pilgrims whose annual income is above Rs.3.00 lakhs, the permissible subsidy shall continue at the existing Rs.20,000/-.

4. A review meeting was held on Minorities Welfare Department on 29.08.2019, wherein Government have decided to "enhance the Financial Assistance to Christian Pilgrimage to Holy Land of Jerusalem and other Biblical places from an amount of Rs.40,000/- to Rs.60,000/- for the pilgrims whose annual income is upto Rs.3.00 Lakhs and the pilgrims whose annual income is above Rs.3.00 Lakhs, the permissible Financial Assistance is to be enhanced from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.30,000/-".

5. In the letter 5th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation, Tadepalli, Guntur District has requested enhance the financial assistance to the pilgrims for the scheme of Pilgrimage to Holy land of Jerusalem and other Biblical places as per the rules in force.

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6. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby enhance the Financial Assistance to Christian Pilgrimage to Holy Land of Jerusalem and other Biblical places from an amount of Rs.40,000/- to Rs.60,000/- for the pilgrims whose annual income is upto Rs.3.00 Lakhs and the pilgrims whose annual income is above Rs.3.00 Lakhs, the permissible Financial Assistance is to be enhanced from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.30,000/-.

7. The Managing Director, A.P. State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take necessary action accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.Note.FMU0PC (WEL2)/82/2019-FMU-W-II, dt.04-09-2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr MOHD. ILYAS RIZVI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director,
A.P. State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
All the Collector & District Magistrates in the State.
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

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The Law Department
The OSD to Secretary to C.M.
The P.S. to Hon'ble Dy. C.M. & Minister for Minorities Welfare.
The P.S to Principal Secretary to Govt., Minorities Welfare Department.
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SECTION OFFICER